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Re: **Verizon Access Transmission Services: Tariff No. 2** T-03574A-14-0169  
**Docket No. T-03574A-**  
**Reduce Terminating Access Rates Pursuant to Federal Communications**  
**Commission *Connect America Fund Order* (FCC 11-161)**

Dear Madam/Sir:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Verizon Access") is filing with your office an original and thirteen (13) copies of revisions to its Arizona Tariff No. 2. The effective date of this filing is July 1, 2014, in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") 2011 *Connect America Fund Order*, 26 FCC Red 17663.

The following pages are being revised:

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The *Connect America Fund Order* requires that Verizon Access reduce its default terminating switched access rates – both interstate and intrastate – effective July 1, 2014, as part of a multi-step transition towards "bill and keep" rates. See, *Connect America Fund Order* at Figure 9, summarizing the steps in the transition. Competitive LECs ("CLECs") such as Verizon Access are subject to the FCC's "benchmarking rule" for their interstate access charges. Para. 807 of the *Connect America Fund Order* states:

For interstate switched access rates, competitive LECs are permitted to tariff interstate access charges at a level no higher than the tariffed rate for such services offered by the incumbent LEC serving the same geographic area (the benchmarking rule).

The *Connect America Fund Order* also adopted rule §51.911, which states in pertinent part:

(c) Effective July 1, 2013, notwithstanding any other provision of the Commission's rules, all Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Access Reciprocal Compensation rates for switched exchange access services subject to this subpart shall be no higher than the Access Reciprocal Compensation rates charged by the competing incumbent local exchange carrier, in accordance with the same procedures specified in §61.26 of this chapter.

The "benchmarking rule," FCC Rule 61.26, states:

c) The benchmark rate for a CLEC's switched exchange access services will be the rate charged for similar services by the competing ILEC. If an ILEC to which a CLEC benchmarks its rates, pursuant to this section, lowers the rate to which a CLEC benchmarks, the CLEC must revise its rates to the lower level within 15 days of the effective date of the lowered ILEC rate.

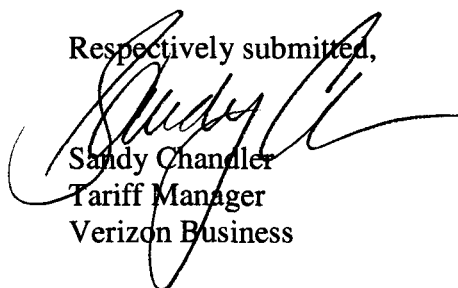
These requirements differ from those applicable to the incumbent LECs. Whereas the ILECs' access rates are calculated in accordance with prescriptive rules adopted by the FCC, the benchmark rule for CLECs is reactive, based on the competing ILEC's rates. The effect of this benchmark rule means that Verizon Access will not have data to calculate its new default terminating switched access rates until mid-June when the ILECs file their interstate rates with the FCC.

For this reason and for administrative simplicity, Verizon Access' tariff amendments contained herein make express reference to its interstate tariff for terminating switched access rates. Verizon Access will revise its default terminating interstate rates in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 61.26 when the relevant ILEC rates become available, and at that time, the Verizon Access intrastate tariff will likewise reference those new rates.

Verizon Access's interstate rates are located in MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC Tariff FCC No. 1, Section E.4.3, and may be viewed at the following web address: <http://www.verizon.com/tariffs/PDFViewer.aspx?doc=169129>.

Please date stamp and return the extra copy of this cover letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope, indicating receipt. If you have questions regarding this filing, please contact me either at (888) 215-5680 or [sandy.chandler@verizon.com](mailto:sandy.chandler@verizon.com).

Respectively submitted,



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Enclosure

ACCESS SERVICES

CHECK SHEETS

The Title Page and Pages 1 – 63 and Price List pages PL1 – PL3 inclusive of this tariff and Price List are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff in effect on the date indicated.

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PRICE LIST - ACCESS SERVICES

1. SPECIAL ACCESS RATES

.01 Change Charges (per order)

Per Occurrence

A. Expedite Charge \$215.00

2. SWITCHED ACCESS RATES

2.1 Direct Connect Charges:

Per Minute Charge:

Per Access Minute of  
Originating Use

Per Access Minute of  
Terminating Use

\$0.043516

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\* For terminating rates, refer to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC Tariff FCC No. 1, Section E.4.3.

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PRICE LIST - ACCESS SERVICES

2. SWITCHED ACCESS RATES (Cont.)

2.2 Reserved For Future Use

2.3 Tandem Connect Charges

Per Access Minute  
of Originating Use

\$0.043516

Per Access Minute  
of Terminating Use

Tandem Connect – Without Tandem Switching: \*  
Tandem Connect – With Tandem Switching: \*

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